IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 21-page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Therefore, ~~in the sending/receiving system, in Denial of Service (DoS) acts~~, if a mass number of false ~~packet~~ packets are generated by rewriting the sender address of the encrypted packet and are ~~or the like is~~ sent to the receiving apparatus in a Denial of Service (DoS) act, the ~~above~~ receiving apparatus can abandon the false packet ~~before decoding~~ based on the lack of correctness proof information ~~that the third party could not know~~. Thus, even if mass false packet is received, rapid processing can be realized since the false packets are discarded and not processed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, last line-page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this case, since the identification information is not added to each sending packet ~~during other than the period that~~ unless the request came from the receiving side, processing loads on the sending means, correctness adding means and the intermediate node on the network can be reduced.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 5-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the foregoing object of the present invention has been achieved by the provision of a sending/receiving system wherein the receiving side receives a ~~sending~~ packet based on a predetermined communication protocol and detects that the packet has been changed or sent as a DoS attempt from an interfering apparatus. The receiving side then requests that the sending side add identification information to subsequent transmitted

packets so that the receiving device is able to identify the valid sent packets and discard the changed packets, which are sent as part of a DoS attack on the receiver. ~~sequentially sent from the sending side via the network is received, and in thus received each sending packet, changed contents packet being sending packet in that the contents of the above packet are changed is detected, and addition of identification information to make only detecting means identify the packet to the sending packet is requested to the sending side according to the receiving state of the detected changed contents packet.~~

Please delete the Abstract at page 37, lines 1-44 and replace with the following new Abstract.